

Memo

To: Licensing Board

From: Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk

Date: December 1, 2023

Re: Rock Valley Enterprises (Gasthaus) questions about liquor license

Background:

The Gasthaus "Class B" Combo liquor license went through the renewal process in May/June 2023 (inspections were done March-May). John Ashworth, current tenant at the time of renewal, did state to me that he was potentially wanting to do a license transfer, place – place, but was not certain at that time if it would go through or not (he did not end up applying for a license transfer). The Licensing Board approved the renewal on June 6 as did the Council on June 20. John was issued his license on June 21st for the 2023 – 2024 licensing year.

On June 27 Tiffany Rhodes applied for a liquor license for this location along with a letter from the landlord (Rock Valley Enterprises) stating that they have entered into a lease agreement with Tiffany and that John Ashworth's lease will be up June 30, 2023. At the time of the license being granted and issued to John Ashworth for the upcoming licensing year, he was still the current tenant and was operating under the proper liquor license ending June 30, 2023. John properly surrendered the liquor license issued for July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024 on the next possible business day that our office was open and informed us that he was no longer leasing the building.

Respectfully,

Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk

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Questions for the City of Watertown Licensing Board.

Rock Valley Enterprises is the owner of the "GASTHAUS" located at 1500 Bridge St. Watertown.WI. 53094.

On what date did John Ashworth apply for a liquor license at the Gasthaus for the year 2023-2024.

When John Ashworth applied for the 2023/2024 liquor license did he or was he required to show proof of lease.

Did John Ashworth apply for any other liquor license in the City of Watertown for the year 2023/2024.

Did John Ashworth apply for a license as a single person or married person, for the Year 2023/2024.

In the last 11 years is the Licensing Board aware of any license complaint reference the "Gasthaus".

Does the Licensing Board co-ordinate any information with other Watertown City Departments.



Answers to Mr. Schwarze questions:

Q. On what date did John Ashworth apply for a liquor license at the Gasthaus for the year 2023-2024?

A. John Ashworth applied for a renewal of his liquor license for Wade Creek Investments DBA as the Gasthaus, 1500 Bridge Street, on May 15, 2023 and paid all applicable fees upfront for the license.

Q. When John Ashworth applied for the 2023-2024 liquor license did he or was he required to show proof of lease?

A. For renewals we do not require applicants to show proof of a current lease like we require for all NEW license applications.

Q. Did John Ashworth apply for any other liquor license in the City of Watertown for the year 2023-2024.

A. John Ashworth did not apply for a liquor license elsewhere in the City of Watertown for the 2023-2024 licensing year.

Q. Did John Ashworth apply for a license as a single person or married person for the year 2023-2024?

A. We do not require an applicant to disclose their marital status when applying for a NEW or RENEWAL liquor license.

Q. In the last 11 years is the Licensing Board aware of any license complaint reference for the Gasthaus?

A. The City Clerk is not aware of any complaints in reference to the Gasthaus in the past 11 years.

Q. Does the Licensing Board Coordinate any information with other Watertown City Departments?

A. RENEWAL and NEW liquor licenses follow all proper steps in the granting and issuing of a liquor license which includes coordination of information between City Departments and Licensing Board specifically Mayor, City Attorney, City Clerk, Building Safety and Zoning, Building Inspection, Police Department, Fire Department, and the Health Department.